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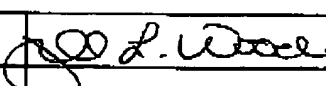
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	Filing Date	September 19, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Zimmer	
	Art Unit	1743	
	Examiner Name	Alexander, Lyle	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	11	Attorney Docket Number	18622 US

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Firm Name	The Law Office of Jill L. Woodburn, LLC		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27			
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Description	Fees Paid (\$)
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, entry of the Terminal Disclosure and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.